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### 41 REGION 8 AND REGION 9 SUPPRESSION SUPPORT

#### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN REGION 8 AND REGION 9

This agreement is formulated to facilitate the exchange of fire suppression resources between Region 8 and Region 9 of the Forest Service with the objective of dispatching the closest available forces to wildfires.

Forest resources adjacent to the R-8/R-9 boundary that can be moved to an incident within a ground travel time of four (4) hours may be ordered and dispatched between the adjacent Forests for initial action. The sending and receiving Forests will notify their respective Regional Coordinators of the resources dispatched or received. The sending Regional Coordinator will notify National Interagency Fire Coordination Center (NIFCC) of resources committed through this Memorandum of Understanding. Resources requested after the first burning period of an incident will be considered extended action and will be ordered through regular channels.

Air tankers, helicopters, lead planes, large transport, and fire cache items not adjacent to the R-8/R-9 boundary will be requested through the respective Regional Coordinator's Office. The sending Regional Coordinator will notify the National Interagency Fire Coordination Center when these resources have been committed.

When direct ordering becomes too large an impact on either Region or resources are drawn down, all or any part of the resources covered by this Memorandum of Understanding will be ordered through NIFCC.

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### 42 TRI-CORNER DISPATCH AGREEMENT

#### *OPERATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN TRI-STATE CORNER DISTRICTS*

National Forests of North Carolina  
Francis Marion–Sumter National Forests  
Chattahoochee–Oconee National Forests  
(Revised June 2001)

#### **I. PURPOSE**

This Operating Agreement establishes general guidelines for cooperative fire management and law enforcement efforts in the tri-state corner areas where the Andrew Pickens, Tallulah, Wayah, and Highlands Ranger Districts adjoin each other.

The tri-state corner area has many common fire management and law enforcement problems. The adjoining District Rangers, in many cases, are in a position to assist each other.

Each District Ranger is responsible for all actions conducted on their District, reporting through channels, and following procedures established on their Forest.

#### **II. OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES**

##### A. Detection:

**32.3** Fires reported to any District will be reported to the appropriate offices.

**32.4** The lookouts or aerial observers will report fires to the appropriate District or State Coordination Center.

**32.5** The originating tower or office will pay for toll telephone calls.

##### B. Incident Actions:

1. District Rangers may assist each other by dispatching personnel and/or equipment across state lines based on their judgment concerning the emergency involved, training needs, and local incident action.

2. District Rangers may take initial action on incidents across the state line when they have forces that are nearer or are within less travel time to the incident than the unit on which the incident exists.

3. The responding District will notify the District involved of the action taken. Both the responding District and the District where the fire is located will notify their respective State Coordination Centers.

4. Additional reinforcement from an adjoining unit will be requested from the State Coordination Center.

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5. In case of an incident on both sides of the state line, arrangements will be made at once to exchange information on actions and to unify command if the emergency so indicates.
6. Each District will take care of paying its own employees, regardless of where they work. The vouchering unit will prepare any necessary forms to take care of any needed transfer of funds.
7. The IC or District Rangers on each District will provide each other with necessary information to prepare incident reports.
8. Aircraft entering an adjoining State will notify the respective State Coordination Center by radio. In situations where radio contact is not possible, a request will be made to the District office involved.

### **III. LENGTH OF AGREEMENT**

This Agreement will remain in effect until circumstances warrant a revision. The District Rangers involved will review the Agreement in January of each year to determine if any changes are necessary.

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### OPERATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN TRI-STATE CORNER DISTRICTS

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### **43 FEDERAL AGENCIES AGREEMENT**

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, AND U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE OF THE  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR  
AND THE  
FOREST SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

(Please see Chapter 40 of the National Interagency Mobilization Guide for this Agreement.)

### **44 SOUTHERN REGION INTERAGENCY ACTION PLAN**

INTERAGENCY ACTION PLAN  
FOR  
INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
AND  
USDA FOREST SERVICE

*This Agreement is currently under revision.*

### **45 INTER-FOREST COOPERATION**

Cooperation between Forests is absolutely essential to the overall suppression effort in the Southern Area. To enhance this effort, the following cooperative policies are established:

A. Forests may order directly from adjoining Forests for initial attack or fast follow-up without going through SACC with a resource order. The ordering Forest must however notify SACC within one hour of ordering the resources that the action has taken place. Forest must order through the Forest Dispatcher of the adjoining Forest. This cooperative policy does not include aircraft, or any national resource. The chart listed below outlines the forests that may order from adjoining forests.

Adjoining Forests may order up to a maximum total of:

40	Crew persons (2, Type II Crews)
4	Tractor plow units
3	Engines

National Forests in Alabama may order from Cherokee NF, NFs in Florida, and NFs in Mississippi:

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40	Crew persons
4	Tractor plow units
3	Engines

Chattahoochee–Oconee National Forests may order from Francis Marion & Sumter NF and NFs in North Carolina:

40	Crew persons
4	Tractor plow units
3	Engines

Cherokee National Forest may order from Chattahoochee–Oconee National Forests, National Forests in North Carolina, Francis Marion–Sumter National Forests and National Forests in Alabama:

40	Crew persons
4	Tractor plow units
3	Engines

Daniel Boone National Forest may order from Cherokee National Forest and George Washington –Jefferson National Forests:

40	Crew persons
4	Tractor plow units
3	Engines

National Forests in Florida may order from National Forests in Alabama:

40	Crew persons
4	Tractor plow units
3	Engines

Francis Marion–Sumter National Forests may order from Chattahoochee–Oconee National Forests, National Forests in North Carolina, and Savannah River Forest:

40	Crew persons
4	Tractor plow units
3	Engines

George Washington–Jefferson National Forests may order from Daniel Boone National Forest:

40	Crew persons
4	Tractor plow units
3	Engines

Kisatchie National Forest may order from National Forests in Texas, National Forests in Mississippi, and Ouachita National Forest:

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40	Crew persons
4	Tractor plow units
3	Engines

National Forests in Mississippi may order from Kisatchie National Forest and National Forests in Alabama:

40	Crew persons
4	Tractor plow units
3	Engines

National Forests in North Carolina may order from Francis Marion–Sumter National Forests, Chattahoochee–Oconee National Forests, and Cherokee National Forest:

40	Crew persons
4	Tractor plow units
3	Engines

Ouachita National Forest may order from Ozark–St. Francis National Forests, Kisatchie National Forest, and National Forests in Texas:

40	Crew persons
4	Tractor plow units
3	Engines

Ozark–St. Francis National Forests may order from Ouachita National Forest:

40	Crew persons
4	Tractor plow units
3	Engines

National Forests in Texas may order from Kisatchie National Forest and Ouachita National Forest:

40	Crew persons
4	Tractor plow units
3	Engines

Total number of people or units ordered from all adjoining units through this policy cannot exceed the total given above (i.e., 40 crew persons, 4 tractor plows, 3 engines).

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### 46 OKLAHOMA NATIVE AMERICAN/OUACHITA NF OPERATING PLAN

*This Agreement is currently under revision.*

#### OPERATING PLAN BETWEEN THE NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA AND THE OUACHITA NATIONAL FOREST

This Operating Plan establishes guidelines and procedures for the use and dispatch of Native American Firefighters for forest fire control work.

#### **CREW STRUCTURE**

A Native American Firefighter Crew will consist of:

- One Crew Boss
- Three Squad Bosses
- Sixteen firefighters, either male or female [15 firefighters if an Agency Crew Representative (ACR) will be assigned to the crew].

In the event that the tribe is unable to furnish a Crew Boss, the Ouachita National Forest will furnish one.

Because of transportation arrangements, a crew cannot exceed 20 members including the ACR. A fire crew will not normally be dispatched for a National Assignment with less than 18 members. Crews of less than normal structure can be ordered on a case-by-case basis to meet special needs.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

##### 1. Firefighter

An individual may qualify if they have taken S-130 and S-190 and have a step-test score of 45.

##### 2. Squad Boss

Must have demonstrated their leadership ability by performance on fire assignment and received recommendation from the Crew Boss and Agency Crew Coordinator or from a certified Crew Boss. S-212 and S-211, Basic Supervision and Standard First Aid Training are necessary.

##### 3. Crew Boss

- a. Persons certified in the past must have performed as Crew Boss on at least one fire in the last two years to retain certification, or
- b. Must have completed the S-230 Crew Boss Training course and had experience as Crew Boss on at least three fires in the last three years.



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- c. Crew Bosses are expected to take care of all duties concerned with crew activities on fires, in camp and en route to and from fires.

#### ***TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIVE-AMERICAN FIREFIGHTERS***

<b>COURSE NUMBER</b>	<b>COURSE NAME</b>	<b>FIREFIGHTER</b>	<b>SQUAD BOSS</b>	<b>CREW BOSS</b>
S-130	Basic Firefighter	X	X	X
S-190	Introduction to Fire Behavior	X	X	X
S-211	Water Pumps		X	X
S-212	Power Saws		X	X
S-230	Crew Boss			X
I-220	Basic Incident Command System			X
S-260	Fire Business Management Principles			X
S-270	Basic Air Operations			X

#### **RECOMMENDED RECORDS**

1. Prior to the crew leaving the Staging Area, the Native American crews of Oklahoma will prepare a Passenger and Cargo Manifest [SF-245 (6/77)] which will list all crew members and overhead.
2. The Ouachita National Forest is the Dispatch Forest.

#### **TIME KEEPING AND PAYING**

Payment to firefighters will be made as quickly as possible. Every effort will be made to pay firefighters prior to leaving the fire assignment.

#### **OUTFITTING CREWS**

Dispatching Forests will provide the crews with the following items of gear and safety equipment:

- Fire resistant trousers [1 each, per person (2 for out-of-Region)]
- Hardhat with chin strap (1 each, per person)
- Fire resistant shirts (enough for 2 each, per person)
- First aid kit (1 crew kit, per crew, plus packet kits for each individual)
- Headlamp with batteries (1 each, per person)
- Knapsack (1 each, per person)
- Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) (at least 1 per person)

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- 1 quart disposable canteen with case (2 each, per person)
- Fire shelter (1 each, per person)
- Gloves (1 pair, per person)
- Webb belt (1 per person)

The Dispatching Forest will issue equipment to the Staging Manager prior to the time of dispatch. The crew will return the equipment upon its return to the Dispatch Forest.

Firefighters must provide the following items of personal gear in good condition:

- High-top leather boots (minimum 8" top) Vibram soles
- Socks
- Jacket
- 1-1/2" belt

### **ORDERING CREWS**

The Ouachita National Forest Dispatching Office, Hot Springs, Arkansas will request crews.

### **DISPATCHING CREWS**

1. The Ouachita National Forest will place the request with the Contact Officer of the Native–American tribes and will establish time schedules and make meal and transportation arrangements.
2. Normally, firefighters will be paid by ADO check within three days after their return from fire duty, unless they have 16 hours or less in pay status. If this latter situation occurs, payments will be made by regular pay procedures and will normally take two to three weeks for the check to arrive.
3. A firefighter has to be personally present to receive the ADO check. If a firefighter is dispatched to another fire before check arrives, arrangements can be made for the ADO to hold the check until the firefighter's return.
4. Normally, a firefighter will not be paid for fire duty until the crew returns to the reservation.
5. All issued equipment will be accounted for prior to payment.

### **GENERAL**

1. Duration of Assignment

Crews should expect dispatches to last up to two weeks or longer, unless otherwise agreed to by ordering unit at time of dispatch.

2. Conduct

Crewmembers are expected to follow established rules and policies for personal conduct. In cases where crews are dispatched from the Ouachita National Forest Headquarters disciplinary action will be taken by the dispatching forest in conjunction with the Oklahoma

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Tribe. The user agency will file necessary information with the Ouachita National Forest so that appropriate action may be taken in coordination with the Oklahoma Tribes.

#### 3. Splitting of Crew

The crew should never be split or deployed over such a large area that the Crew Boss cannot exercise normal control of the whole crew.

#### **FORMS**

This Operating Plan shall be effective when signed by all parties. Either party may terminate this Operating Plan by providing 30 days written notice. Unless terminated by written notice, this Operating Plan will remain in force and be reviewed annually.

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